Dr. Mark Müller

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

• (09/2008 – Present) Freelance Author and Language Trainer (Berlin & NYC)

- In-house instructor for corporate German lessons and private one-on-one language coaching. Clients: startups and well-established companies in Berlin · Students: mixed international employees.
- Currently working on the book project titled "The Lyrical Modernity: Autopoietic worlds of meaning and dream templates of the urban - Exploring the significance of phantasmagoria in the age of modernity."
- Published the first volume of the dissertation "The Surreal City" in 2018.

• (04/2005- 02/2008) Lectureships (OVG University)

 Delivered a total of three seminars at OVG University on urban sociology, focusing on everyday sociology, urban living environment, Chicago School, and Actor Network Theory (ANT). Seminar titles included "Cyborg City," "On the Materiality of Urban Spaces," and "Life in Urban Spaces."

• (04/2005- 07/2013) Post Graduate Research Associate

- Conducted data analysis and updated the location development concept (SEK) at GIB-Berlin.
- Project manager, EU research project "Cognitive Representation of Urban Spaces" at SPI GmbH.
- Descriptive data analysis at the Department of Social Medicine, Institute of Medicine, OVG University.

• (03/2001- 012/2003) Research Assistant and Tutor (OVG University)

- Tutor in the field of microsociology, own seminars in urban sociology, Institute of Sociology.
- Assisted in empirical research, project: "Evaluation of telework processes", Institute for Psychology.
- Descriptive data analysis and processed hospital case flat rates at the Institute for Social Medicine.

PHD & HIGHER STUDIES

• (06/2006-03/2015) Dissertation (Dr. phil., Summa Cum Laude)

- Successfully defended dissertation (03/2015), reviewers Prof. Fritz Schütze and Prof. Ursula Lehmkuhl.
- Completed a visiting Ph.D. program (2008-2011) at Columbia University (New York), DAAD scholarship.
- Participated in the doctoral colloquium for urban sociology (2007) with Prof. Häußermann at HU Berlin.
- Associate Ph.D. student (2006-2007), "Center for Metropolitan Studies Berlin New York" at TU-Berlin.

• (08/2006-11/2007) European Masters (Grade A)

 Attained a Master's degree in Comparative Urban Studies at the University of Urbino (Italy), focusing on the thesis titled "The Cyborg City: Landscapes of Stories - Artifacts and Socio-Narrative Figurations in Urban Space."

• (03/2003-07/2006) Research Colloquium on Qualitative Methods

 Actively participated in the research colloquium of Prof. Fritz Schütze, specializing in biographical research and ethnomethodology at the Institute for Microsociology, OVG University.

• (09/1996-12/2003) Magister (Grade 1.2)

 Earned a Master's degree in Sociology, Psychology, and Business Education, with a thesis on "Urban Planning as a Production of Reality." Studies abroad in England and at the University of Vienna.

PUBLICATIONS

- Müller, M. (2025): Ontologie der Stadt oder die Weltmaschine: Daseinsformen und dystopische Wirklichkeitsmilieus der urbanen Moderne. Berlin: Urban Ontology.
- Müller, M. (2018): Die Surreale Stadt: Sinnwelten der Moderne und die Horizonte der Weltenmitte -Band I: Weltenbauer und Weltbewohner. Berlin: Urban Ontology.
- Becker, C.; Mehlkopf, S.; Müller, M. (2013): Fortschreibung des Standortentwicklungskonzepts (SEK) für den Regionalen Wachstumskern (RWK) Landeshauptstadt Potsdam.